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1. AFRICAN METAL AND ALLIED WORKERS' UNION (MAWU) SUCCESSFULLY NEGOTIATED LEYLAND STRIKE SETTLEMENT MARCH 8, OBTAINING PARTIAL RECOGNITION UNION AS DE FACTO REPRESENTATIVE LEYLAND AFRICAN STAFF. MANAGEMENT AGREED PERMIT WORKERS ELECT THEIR OWN REPRESENTATIVES AND SCRAPPED PLANS FOR PARTIALLY APPOINTIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE. MANAGEMENT INSISTED, HOWEVER, THAT REPRESENTATIVES MUST BE CHOSEN FROM AMONG WORK STAFF AND THAT COMPANY WOULD NOT DEAL WITH ANY THIRD PARTY. THEY WOULD, HOWEVER, DEAL WITH UNION SHOP STEWARDS IF THAT BE EMPLOYEES' CHOICE.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH LEYLAND AGREEMENT FALLS SHORT OF FULL UNCLASSIFIED

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RECOGNITION AFRICAN UNION, IT STILL REPRESENTS FIRST

SIGNIFICANT BREAKTHROUGH FOR MAWU. MAWU HAD ALSO COUNTED ON VICTORY AT STIRLING METALS (REFTEL B), BUT MANAGEMENT RENEGED, TAKING HARD LINE AGAINST UNION FOLLOWING SEIFSA PRESSURE. LEYLAND ACCORD, WHICH GIVES COGNIZANCE TO UNION, APPEARS ACCEPTABLE BOTH UNION AND MANAGEMENT AND MAY SET PATTERN FOR SIMILAR AGREEMENTS IN OTHER INDUSTRIES. HOLMES

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